Attack on Army a State Subject

2795 . SHRI SATISH CHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government consider attacks on Police Personnel, Army Personnel, Army Posts, Police Stations by ISI Agents, Naxalites, Ulfa Infiltrators as a State subject;

(b)if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government will take lead to develop a plan in coordination with State Governments to crab the ever-growing menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Activities of ISI, Naxalites and militants pose a threat to internal security which is an integral part of national security. The Central Government assists the State Governments, both physically and financially, to counter such activities.

Increasing violence in J and K

2796 . SHRI ANANTA SETHI : will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing violence ip Jammu a;nd Kashmir;

(b)if so, the number of violent incidents that took place since 1st January till date;

(c) the number of people killedas a result thereof;

(d) the steps taken to stop such incidents and to ensure safety of the local people; and

(e)the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) There have been continued efforts on the part of Pak ISI and Pro-Pak militant outfits to induct more mercenaries from across the border into J and K, with **a** view to escalate violence.